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## THE FRONTLINE

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Sgt. 1st Class Rhonda M. Lawson

*Dancers from the Hinesville Hispanic Club demonstrate dances native to Mexico during the Hispanic Heritage celebration at Fort Stewart's Main Post Chapel, Oct. 8.*

## 3SB brings Hispanic Heritage to Stewart's Main Post Chapel

**Sgt. 1st Class Rhonda M. Lawson**  
*3rd Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs*

Soldiers across the installation were treated to a history lesson unlike any other during the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration held at the Main Post Chapel, Oct. 8.

The celebration, hosted by the 87th

Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, featured Hispanic dance demonstrations, a tribute to NCOs, and Hispanic displays.

However, the highlight for most was the guest speaker, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Alfred A. Valenzuela, a 33-year veteran, former 3rd ID deputy commander

(support), and author of the book, "No Greater Love: The Lives and Times of Hispanic Soldiers."

His speech touched on the challenges Hispanic Soldiers face in respect to identity.

"Hispanics have been around for 234 years. They have every right to be proud like anyone else," he said. "Some

of us don't know who we are."

He later noted that four of the 42 Hispanic Medal of Honor recipients were not U.S. citizens.

Of the 21 Soldiers killed in combat that he helped bury, many weren't U.S. citizens either. However, he said they fought and died for their adopted country.

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## Bargains abound at FMWR yard sale

**FMWR Marketing**

Sellers and bargain-hunters alike are getting ready for the Great FMWR Yard Sale, scheduled at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 24.

The yard sale will be held at the parking lots of Club Stewart, building 405, and the Hunter Army Airfield Credit Union, building 1282. Department of Defense ID cardholders may sell items in parking lots. The cost is \$5 per space. There is no fee for on-post residents who wish to sell at their homes.

More than 100 booths will be open for browsing at Fort Stewart's yard sale. Spaces are still available for the Hunter Army Airfield Great FMWR Yard Sale; however, there are no more spaces available in the Club Stewart parking lot.

Those who wish to conduct a yard sale at their homes on post at Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield are encouraged to register soon so their location can be included on maps given out on the day of the sale.

There is no charge for on-post residents, but registration is required. A number of spaces are still available at the Hunter Credit Union parking lot. The registration deadline is Oct. 23. Vendors (active duty, Family Members,

retirees, and Army Civilians) will be charged \$5 for each parking lot space at Hunter, and must register by calling 315-2019. Rental tables are available at \$5 each.

Sellers can sign up at the Sports Office, building 471, on Stewart or at Tominac Fitness Center, building 919, at Hunter. If you need more sign-up information, call 767-8238 at Stewart, or 315-2019 at Hunter.

"Be there early and be set up and ready to sell," said Larry Cutchens, Outdoor Recreation Division chief. "The bargain-hunters love to come out early, and they want a good bargain – so give them one."

He said the public is invited to "browse and buy" at the yard sale. The public also may make purchases at the excess property sale.

"They will have access from every gate. They will need to have their driver's license, registration and proof of insurance to come on post."

Cutchens said strip maps showing the location of yard sales at on-post housing will be handed out at the gates.

Goodwill will be available for items of donations from 2 p.m. until the truck is filled at the same sale locations.

For additional information about the sale on Fort Stewart, call 767-8238.

## Families learn fire safety at George P. Hays Library



Bob Mathews, FMWR Marketing Publicity Specialist

*Aiden Peter Jensen, 2, gets the feel of what it's like behind the wheel of a fire truck with a little help from Arianna Dalrymple, 9, during a fire safety program presented by the Fort Stewart Fire Department at the George P. Hays Library, Oct. 7. Aiden is the son of Lauren Jensen and Pfc. Jeremiah Jensen, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team; and Arianna is the daughter of Staff Sgt. George Dalrymple, 4-3 Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.*





# PRESENTS TODAY THROUGH OCT. 18

## Gamer

Today— 7 p.m.

(Gerard Butler, John Leguizamo)

Humans control other humans in mass-scale, multi-player online games: people play people...for keeps. Mind-control technology is widespread, and at the heart of the controversial games is its creator, reclusive billionaire Ken Castle. His latest game "Slayers," allows millions to act out their most savage fantasies online in front of a global audience, using real prisoners as avatars. Kable is the superstar and cult hero of the ultra violent "Slayers." Kable is controlled by Simon, a young gamer with rock star status who continues to defy all odds by guiding Kable to victory each week. *Rated R (strong brutal violence throughout, sexual content, nudity, language) 95 min*

## Inglorious Basterds

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Brad Pitt, Melanie Laurent)

In German-occupied France, where Shosanna Dreyfus witnesses the execution of her family at the hand of Nazi Colonel Hans Landa. Shosanna narrowly escapes and flees to Paris, where she forges a new identity as the owner and operator of a cinema. Elsewhere in Europe, Lieutenant Aldo Raine organizes a group of Jewish soldiers to engage in targeted acts of retribution. Known to their enemy as "The Basterds," Raine's squad joins German actress and undercover agent Bridget Von Hammersmark on a mission to take down the leaders of The Third Reich. *Rated R (strong graphic violence, language and brief sexuality) 153 min*

## I Can Do Bad All By Myself

Sunday— 7 p.m.

(Tyler Perry, Taraji P. Henson)

When Madea, America's favorite pistol-packing grandma, catches sixteen-

year-old Jennifer and her two younger brothers looting her home, she decides to take matters into her own hands and delivers the young delinquents to the only relative they have: their Aunt April. A heavy-drinking nightclub singer who lives off of Raymond, her married boyfriend, April wants nothing to do with the kids. But her attitude begins to change when Sandino, a handsome Mexican immigrant looking for work, moves into April's basement room.

*Rated PG13 (mature thematic material involving a sexual assault on a minor, violence, drug references, smoking) 113 min*

*Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069 or go to [www.aafes.com/ems/conus/stewart.htm](http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/stewart.htm).*



# Pets of the Week

## Looking for a good home...



## Doc the dog & Lilly the cat

are two of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



# Team Stewart

[www.stewart.army.mil](http://www.stewart.army.mil)



## SPIRITUAL WELLNESS

# Grieving: a five-stage process

**Chaplain (Capt.) Raja Kandanada**  
385th MP Battalion

Webster defines grief as “deep and poignant distress caused by or as if by bereavement.” Having that understanding can help one to help a friend or Family Member when tragedy strikes.

Losing a loved one or something of great value is a difficult process to overcome. However, one can live again with the help of God, a trusted friend, and time.

Grief comes in various stages. It may not necessarily come in logical order, but one can observe the symptoms of these stages. Almost always, denial, disbelief and numbness come first.

When an individual first hears the news of losing a loved one, he or she may be stunned into shock and disbelief. He may deny the fact, say it is not possible, or that there must be a mistake.

There is a part in us that simply does not wish

to accept the reality.

The second stage includes anger and blame. The bereaved individual may blame God, self, or the person who breaks the news. He or she may lash out in anguish. That person is simply expressing the inner feeling that it wasn't right, or they should not be experiencing this.

The third stage includes bargaining. He or she tries to communicate with God or some super power. If this situation is reversed, he is willing to do something for God. In most cases, it may already be too late.

The fourth stage arrives with a profound sadness and a depressed mood. One might be quiet during this stage, reflecting upon the events and circumstances leading to this outcome. Intense sorrow fills the heart. Finally, comes the stage of acceptance.

After going through these above stages, one realizes that the event took place, and there is no way to reverse it.

As a result, he or she accepts the outcome and reacts to it in the best way possible.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### Chapel Schedule

#### Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Saturday Vigil Mass	Main Post Chapel	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.
<b>Protestant</b>		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Kids' Church	Diamond Elementary	11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Main Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.

<b>Islamic</b>		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	1:30 p.m.
Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546.		

<b>Jewish</b>		
Friday	Heritage	11:30 a.m.
Contact Sgt. 1st Class Crowther at 767-6717.		

<b>Latter-Day Saints</b>		
Sunday	220 Sandy Run Drive, Hinesville	9 a.m.

#### Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	11 a.m.
<b>Protestant</b>		
Sunday Service	Chapel	9 a.m.

## Kids Church

### Where God rocks

at Stewart School Age Services, across from  
Diamond Elementary 10:45 a.m. to noon,  
Sunday; or at Hunter Chapel Fellowship Hall at  
9:15 a.m., Sunday

### For children grades K-5

#### Fort Stewart bus pick-up:

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, e-mail  
[fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com](mailto:fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com).

## Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

*Fort Stewart Youth Ministry exists to share “Biblical Truth” with middle and high school age youth, to disciple them in the Christian faith, and to equip them for lives of Christian service.*

*For weekly meeting information, go to [www.twitter.com/ftstewartyouth](http://www.twitter.com/ftstewartyouth) or contact Jerry Thompson, Fort Stewart Youth Ministry Coordinator at (912) 920-9982.*

### Roman Catholic Daily Mass:

Main Post Chapel, 11:45 a.m., on Mon., Wed.-Fri.

## Weekday Catholic Schedule

### Roman Catholic Confession:

Main Post Chapel, 4 – 4:30 p.m., Saturday





# DFMWR Briefs

## Register for Ladies Day at Holbrook

Holbrook Pond Recreation Area has planned a special day for the ladies, one in which they can enjoy paintball, kayaking, biking or canoeing. Skeet and trap activities will be available, as well.

The sign-up deadline is Oct. 27. The activities are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 29. Come and join us. The cost is just \$20 per person. For details, call 767-2515 or 767-8205.

## Sign up for GC's Golf Scramble

Registration will end on Oct. 28 for the Fort Stewart Garrison Commander's Golf Scramble, scheduled for a shotgun start at 1 p.m., Oct. 30 at Taylors Creek Golf Course.

The scramble is a great opportunity for team-building and fellowship.

Fees are \$35 for Taylors Creek & Hunter Golf Club Members, active duty, retirees and Army Civilians. The cost is \$40 for civilian guests.

Play will be limited to the first 24 (3-person) teams. For more information, call 767-2370.

## Check out Halloween Happenings

Corkan Recreation Area has planned a number of activities to help you celebrate Halloween on Oct. 31.

- Cypress Sam's Treehouse, building 449, from 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m., visit in costume and receive a treat bag when you leave after playing. For more information, call 767-9884.

- Cypress Creek Adventure Golf, building 448: From 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m., enjoy mini-golf after dark for \$1 per game/person when you come in costume. For more information, call 767-9884.

- Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, building 450 (where renovations are expected to be complete in time for Halloween). Come out in costume from 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m. and bowl for \$1.75 per game per person. For more information, call 767-4273.

- Corkan Teen Recreation Center, building 438, just come by and hang out for a while! We'll be open from 3-11 p.m. For more information, call 767-3781.

- Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449: Our Haunted Gym opens at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person or \$10 per Family of four. Come visit the spooky but fun site of Corkan Family Fun Center. Give us a call at 767-9884 if you would like to volunteer to be part of the Haunted Gym for Halloween Night.

## Youth Halloween Bowling scheduled

Join us at Marne Lanes Bowling Center, building 402, from 4-6 p.m., Oct. 31 for our Halloween special. You get a slice of cheese pizza with small drink and one game of bowling w/shoe rental for \$3.50 per game per person. We'll award a prize for the best costume. Be there for the fun on the scariest night, while you bowl in the dark! For more information, call 767-4866.

## It's Trunk or Treat

Here's a great way to have fun handing out candy on Halloween night.

"Trunk or Treat" will be held from 6-8 p.m., Oct. 31 at the ACS Family Enrichment Center, building 82.

There will be a Haunted House at the ACS Playground at Fort Stewart and at the Hunter Club, with the Trunk or Treat taking place in the club parking lot.

Delight the children with candy from trunk of your vehicle instead of your home for a safe, fun and friendly experience. If you wish to give out candy from your vehicle, advanced registration is required and the form turned in by Oct. 26.

Army Community Service is sponsoring the event. Bring your trick or treaters!

For details, call ACS at 767-5058 (Stewart) and 315-6816 (Hunter).

## Enjoy Thanksgiving Brunch at Stewart

Join us for Thanksgiving Sunday Brunch from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Nov. 1 at Club Stewart, building 405.

# Thanksgiving Sunday Brunch

## MENU

**Club Stewart, building 405**

**10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Nov. 1**

*Breakfast items*  
*Traditional Thanksgiving favorites:*  
*turkey and dressing, baked ham, baked chicken, candied yams*

**Hunter Club, building 6015**

**10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Nov. 8**

*Breakfast items*  
*Traditional Thanksgiving favorites:*  
*turkey and dressing, baked ham, baked chicken, candied yams*

**Cost is \$14.95 per person, children ages 5-10 half price and ages 4 and under free.**

**Call Stewart at 368-2212 and Hunter at 459-7923 for more information.**

The menu features breakfast items and traditional the Thanksgiving favorites such as turkey and dressing, baked ham, baked chicken and candied yams. The cost is \$14.95 per person, children (ages 5-10) half price and (ages 4 and under) free. For more information, call 368-2212.

## Register for 5K Turkey Trot Fun Run/Walk

Early registration ends Nov. 5 for the Veterans Appreciation 5K Turkey Trot Fun Run/Walk at Hunter Army Airfield. Participants are encouraged to display their patriotism!

Check-in and race day registration will be from 9-10:30 a.m., Nov. 7 at Tominac Fitness Center, building 919. The race begins at 11a.m. Children and jogging strollers will be allowed on the course.

Awards will be presented to the top male and female overall finisher and the top three finishers in each age category.

The most patriotic participant will receive a getaway to Oceanside Inn & Suites on Jekyll Island. T-shirts will be given to all participants.

Pre-registration fees are \$15 for Military ID cardholders and \$20 for all others. Sign-up at Hunter Tominac Fitness Center, building 919, Stewart Leisure Activities Center, building 443 or go online to [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

Race day registration fees will be \$20 for Military ID Cardholders and \$25 for all others. For details, call 315-2019.

## Kids 'Haunted Ghost' Trip slated

CYSS-registered youth in grades 4-12 are invited to join us for a free trip that includes transportation, a "haunted ghost" trolley car tour, submarine sandwich and supervision. We'll leave at 9:45 a.m., Oct. 31 from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield for the Savannah Historic District. Register by Oct. 29 for this opportunity to make new friends and learn about points of interest in greater Savannah area! To sign up and for details, contact School Liaison Offices, 767-6533 at Stewart or 315-6586 at Hunter.

**COMING SOON!**



**Beginning October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Check the **Coastal Courier** and **Bryan County News** next week for more details!

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# Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

## Coastal golf club offers free greens fees

Hampton Hall and Dolphin Head Golf Clubs invite all active duty, retired, and disable servicemembers to play a round of golf with complimentary greens fees (\$20 cart fee applies) during veterans' week, Nov. 9-13. To book a tee time, please call (843) 815-8720 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.

## Fort McAllister to hold candle lantern tour

Fort McAllister State Historic Park, located at Georgia Spur 144/Fort McAllister Rd. in Richmond Hill, will host a candle lantern tour 7-8 p.m., Oct. 24. Come tour the fort by candlelight and see Civil War soldiers going through their nightly duties.

Be sure to stay with your tour guide, or you may be captured as a spy. No flashlights or camera flashes please. For more information, please call (912) 727-2339.

## Come to OktoberFest in Hinesville

OktoberFest will be in the Bradwell Park area of Downtown Hinesville from 5 p.m. to midnight, Friday and from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday. Come enjoy authentic German food, beer, and entertainment! The festival also features arts & crafts, and children's activities. For more information, contact HDDA at (912)877-4332 or email [discoverdowntown@coastal-now.net](mailto:discoverdowntown@coastal-now.net).

## Soldiers invited to Ogeechee Golf Scramble

As part of The Ford Plantation's "Salute to the Troops" theme for their Homecoming Weekend, they are honoring servicemembers at Fort Stewart for their dedication and service.

The Ford Plantation invites servicemembers to play a round of golf with Ford Plantation members, Saturday and Sunday. Each day, 20 Soldiers will pair up with members in a four-person scramble. The event will be a shotgun start each morning at 9 a.m. Only 40 spaces are available.

To reserve your spot, call Maj. Michael Reeve at 767-9755 or email [Michael.reeve@conus.army.mil](mailto:Michael.reeve@conus.army.mil).

## Hinesville holds Cycles for Charity event

The City of Hinesville will hold a Cycles for Charity Mayor's Motorcade event at Irene B. Thomas Park (behind the Dugout on Hwy 196) to benefit the Georgia Regional Hospital patients through the

Mayor's Motorcade, Saturday. Registration opens at 8 a.m., and the ride begins at 10 a.m.

For more information about Cycles for Charity and interviews, contact Krystal Britton at (912) 876-3564 or [kbritton@cityofhinesville.org](mailto:kbritton@cityofhinesville.org).

## Dig into Blues and BBQ Festival

The Roundhouse Blues and BBQ Festival will be held from 6-11 p.m., Nov. 13-14. The festival features mouth-watering slow-cooked BBQ with drinks and sides, three blues performers per night, steam locomotive rides, blacksmithing demonstrations, and more, at the historic Roundhouse Railroad Museum in downtown Savannah.

All proceeds from the event go toward educational programming, and preservation of our historic sites. For more information, visit the event Web site at [www.roundhousebluesandbbq.com](http://www.roundhousebluesandbbq.com).

## Operation Homefront offers help

Operation Homefront is now able to help financially strapped Families afford sports team registrations, cultural and art classes for children of Georgia servicemembers. If you have questions, call Christina Anthony or Ashley Carpenter at 368-9622.

## Come to Darien Fall Festival

The Darien Fall Fest will be held Nov. 7 in conjunction with Fort King George's Debatable Fall Encampment. Information can be found at [www.darienfallfest.com](http://www.darienfallfest.com) and [www.gastateparks.org](http://www.gastateparks.org). There will be a re-enactment at the fort at 2 p.m. and historical demonstrations throughout the day.

This is a real Family oriented day, perfect for anyone who just wants to have a day trip that isn't going to cost them an arm and a leg.

## Ashantilly gets Historical Marker

The Georgia Historical Society along with the Lower Altamaha Historical Society unveiled a new historical marker to recognize Ashantilly Plantation. The dedication will be held on the grounds of Ashantilly on Highway 99, north of Darien, Ga. at 3 p.m. on Oct. 25.

From one of colonial Georgia's most prominent families, Thomas Spalding was an influential planter who helped develop the plantation economy of the low country as an advocate for modern agricultural

ideas including crop rotation and diversifying the crop varieties beyond the standard rice, indigo, and cotton. The Ashantilly property was inherited from his mother, Margery McIntosh Spalding.

Although possessing a large estate on Sapelo Island, Spalding built the Ashantilly house as an inland domicile for his family.

Accounts of the structure suggest it was classically designed; the building consisted of a central, two story structure and flanking wings. Like Spalding's homes on Sapelo, Ashantilly was constructed of tabby, a concrete-like material derived from oyster shells, found in abundance in tidewater Georgia.

The Spalding family sold the property in 1870 to William A. Wilcox, founder of the Ashantilly Press.

## Community celebration day slated

On Oct. 25 during the 10:30 a.m. service, Live Oak Church will be celebrating the Soldiers of the 3rd ID and their Families, as well as all of those in our community that make Hinesville a success.

Our church is here to support the dedicated men and women of Fort Stewart in whatever the mission might be. We invite the Liberty County community to help us honor all of the Families that have sacrificed much for the freedoms we enjoy.

We will be giving away a \$200 Walmart shopping card and two spa packages to some very deserving people!

Lunch will be served on the grounds immediately following service that morning as well as games for all of the kids.

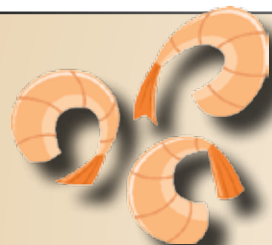
## Richmond Hill invites public to opening

The City of Richmond Hill would like to invite the public to attend the ribbon cutting of the new amphitheater in J.F. Gregory Park at 7 p.m., Oct. 27. Join local officials and the Richmond Hill High School Marching Band for some energizing music and fun.

## Low Country Paintball waives fees

Low Country Paintball invites community members to enjoy paintball by waiving all-day greens fees and gun rental fees for active duty military during the first weekend of each month.

Players can enjoy more than 150 guns across 63 acres. Group rates are available. For more information, call 663-2314.



# 11th annual Great Ogeechee Seafood Festival

October 16-18 • J.F. Gregory Park, Richmond Hill

Mouth-watering seafood \* Classic Car Show \* Arts & Crafts Festival \*National Recording Artists  
5K Crab Crawl \* Amusement Rides for Kids of All Ages

**Admission fee required.**

For more information, please call the Richmond Hill-Bryan County Chamber of Commerce at 756-3444, or visit their Web site at [www.rhbcchamber.org](http://www.rhbcchamber.org).



# Ga's most remote state park worth the drive

**Commentary by Randy Murray**  
*Fort Stewart Public Affairs*

It may be Georgia's most remote state park, but Stephen C. Foster State Park is well worth the three-hour drive. This 80-acre park named after songwriter Stephen Foster sits within a National Wildlife Refuge. It offers breath-taking views of America's largest black water swamp with its moss-covered cypress trees, wildflowers and water lilies, and it has an endless variety of wildlife, including alligators, snakes, turtles, raccoons, opossums, black bear, gray squirrels, swamp rabbits, whitetail deer and billions of birds.

When I say remote, I'm not exaggerating. As you drive south on U.S. 84, you will enter the outskirts of the 400,000-acre Great Okefenokee Swamp when you reach Waycross, Ga. Stay on U.S. 84, which runs

along the western border of the swamp, until you get to the town of Homerville. Turn south on U.S. 441, and stay on this road until you get to Fargo. By the way, make sure you fill up your gas tank and let the kids take a restroom break before you leave Homerville. There is nothing but a few farms and lots of timberland between these two small towns. Oh yeah, and swamp - not a good place to pull to the side of the road for emergency bathroom breaks

Be sure to stop by the Suwannee River Visitor Center before taking the 20-mile long road that leads you into the park. There, your kids can learn about tannic acid, which is produced from decaying vegetation.

It's tannic acid that gives the river and the swamp its tea color. They can also learn about how mother alligators protect their young and about the cypress trees that once supplied a vibrant lumber industry.

As you drive into the park, keep your camera ready for wildlife sightings. Throughout the day, you're likely to see deer, wild turkeys or wild boar

feeding alongside the road or near the wood line. Please note signs from the park staff warning you not to feed or get too close to the animals. You can stop and take all the pictures you want and probably not spook these animals, which seem to have lost their fear of man. *They haven't.*

If you try to get too close to a deer, it'll probably turn and leap away, waving goodbye with its namesake white tail. Wild boar and other animals may react the same way but are just as likely to send you leaping back to your car.

When you get to the park, stop off at the nature center first for some essential information about the hiking trails and the critters you may encounter, especially snakes. You'll want to recognize which ones are friendly and which ones are not so friendly. The park offers a 1.5-mile Trembling Earth Nature Trail that includes about a quarter-mile of elevated boardwalk that leads out into the swamp itself. You can also take a guided pontoon boat trip of the swamp for \$8 to \$12 per person.

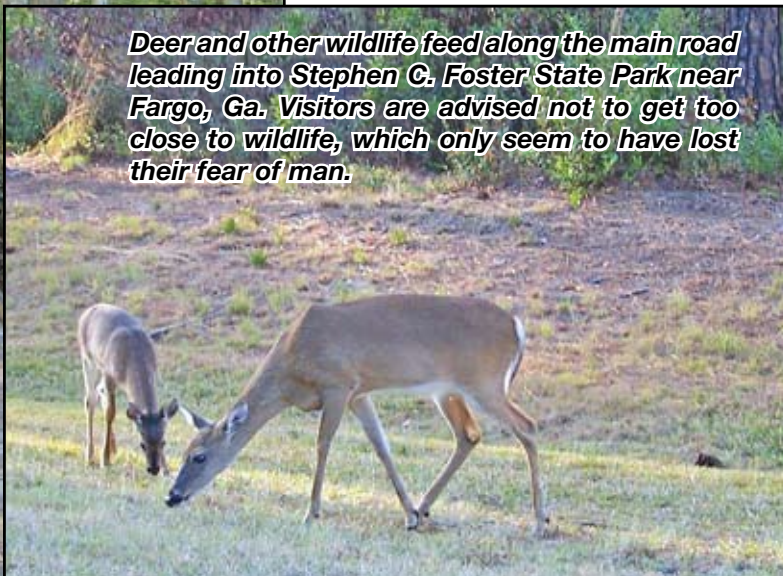
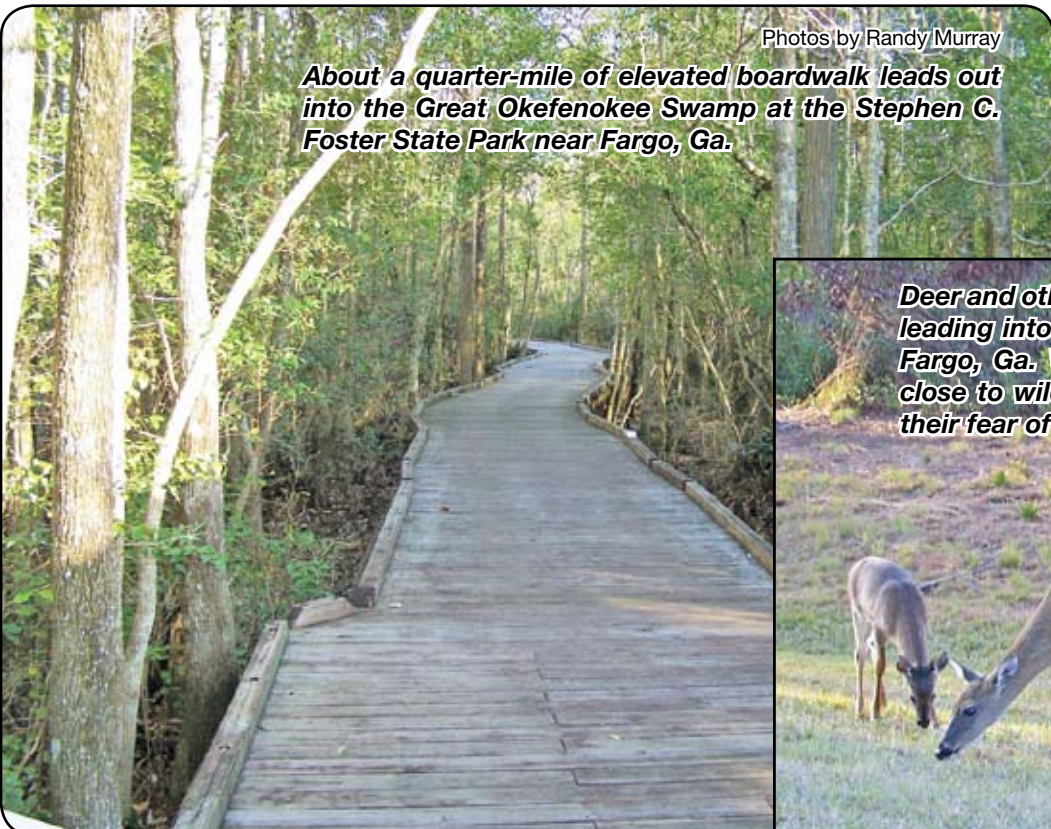
My favorite feature this park has to offer is its 25 miles of day-use waterways, enough to excite any fisherman. You can bring and launch your own boat or rent a 10-horsepower boat to get to where the big ones are waiting then come back to your cottage to clean and cook your day's catch. The park has nine cottages, which rent for \$120 a night but tend to be booked up a couple months in advance. There are also 64 tent/trailer/RV campsites, some with cable hookups, which rent for about \$25 a night. You can rent one of three picnic shelters for \$35 to \$45 a day, or try pioneer camping for \$40 a night. Because Stephen C. Foster is enclosed by a National Wildlife Reserve, the gate is locked at 5 p.m., and there is an additional \$5 refuge fee.

For more information about Stephen C. Foster State Park, call (912) 637-5274.

Photos by Randy Murray

**About a quarter-mile of elevated boardwalk leads out into the Great Okefenokee Swamp at the Stephen C. Foster State Park near Fargo, Ga.**

**Deer and other wildlife feed along the main road leading into Stephen C. Foster State Park near Fargo, Ga. Visitors are advised not to get too close to wildlife, which only seem to have lost their fear of man.**







# Army Community Service

## Solutions for Successful Army Living

*ACS classes are free and open to active duty military, Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers, Family Members, retirees and Department of Army Civilians. ACS is a member of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, proudly serving America's military.*

## Trunk or Treat Spooktacular event

Kids of all ages, come join the fun 6-8 p.m., Oct. 31, at Army Community Services' 2009 Halloween Spooktacular event, and come in your best costume. There will be a haunted forest, games, tricks and most of all trunk loads of treats. The event is located at the playground beside ACS-Stewart, building 86, 201 Lindquist Rd. FREE for everyone. If you would like to bring your ghoulishly decorated privately owned vehicle and win a prize, fill out the form provided below and bring to ACS-Stewart. Registration ends the Oct. 26. Please bring candy (some will be provided) to hand out.

For more information about the event or to register your car, call ACS-Stewart at 767-5058.

## Participate in 'Make A Difference Day'

A national day of helping others, Make A Difference Day is a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors, and everyone can participate. Created by USA Weekend magazine, this annual event takes place the 4th Saturday of every October. On Oct. 24 this year, join others in this national day of volunteering. In 2008, three million people cared enough about their communities to volunteer, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns across America. Stewart-Hunter has adopted several local projects; please contact the Army Volunteer Coordinator at your local ACS to volunteer your time.

## Attend FRG trainings

“Battlemind Training: Face deployments with resilience and strength.” Having the capability of a fulfilling and meaningful life as part of an Army Centric Family and the ability to overcome setbacks and obstacles will give you the independence and resilience needed during deployment. Soldiers and Family Members are invited to join the class (morning or evening session), 9:30-11:30 a.m., Oct. 20, at Club Stewart, or 6-8:00 p.m. at FRC-Stewart.

For more information on Family Readiness Group training, contact your local ACS. Also ask about child care.

## Join the foreign-born spouse network

Foreign-born spouses are invited to meet members from various countries to discuss the American way of life, develop friendships, and learn about the

many resources available to make your new life experience positive, Monday at ACS-Hunter beginning at 11 a.m. or Oct. 21 at ACS-Stewart beginning at 11 a.m. Children are always welcome at spouse groups, and feel free to invite a friend!

For information on spouse groups, call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

## Get more from your paycheck

Your Financial Readiness team introduces a fast-track approach to getting more out of your paycheck, a new class that is a pre-requisite to most financial counseling appointments. We'll work with you individually in a group setting and teach you exactly how to create and maintain an accurate and effective personal budget. You will also learn how to evaluate your financial situation, establish personal goals, develop a personal cash flow, and the importance of involving the entire Family in the recordkeeping and budgeting process. If you need more, individual financial counseling appointments can be made at the completion of class. Call 767-5058/5059 to register for the class at Stewart, now offered each Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. Call 315-6816 to register for the same class at Hunter from 9 to 11 a.m., Oct. 28.

## Newcomer's welcome packet

Now available on the Team Stewart Web site, a newcomer's welcome packet provides a wealth of information about the Stewart-Hunter installation, including cost of living, population, child care, schools, youth services, housing, employment, post services, medical services, and more. To access the welcome packet, visit [www.stewart.army.mil](http://www.stewart.army.mil) (click on the NEWCOMER tab at the top of the page, then select WELCOME PACKET). Local maps, telephone directories, and current event calendars are available from your Relocation Readiness specialists located at your local Army Community Service Office. For more information, call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

## Newcomer's briefings available

A Newcomer's Welcome/Family Orientation is offered at Fort Stewart each Tuesday and Thursday. Presented by the Army Community Service Outreach Program, the orientation provides an overview of the many agencies, events, and programs available to help with your transition to the area and offers an opportunity to meet other new Families and service-members. The Outreach staff can also assist with any issue or concern you may have as a newcomer. Please call 767-2467 to register. Also ask about child care.

## View ACS calendar of classes online

Visit the Team Stewart Web site to view the current

ACS calendar of classes. Visit [www.stewart.army.mil](http://www.stewart.army.mil) (from the FAMILY menu, select Army Community Service, and click on the link to view our current calendar). With over 40 classes and workshops available, the online calendar is your one-stop source for complete class listings.

## Need to talk?

Military and Family Life Consultants are available to provide free and confidential support when you are having difficulty coping with issues related to daily life. At Hunter, appointments can be made by calling 655-8327. Appointments at Stewart can be made by calling 432-1033, 492-6428, 432-0013, 536-7854, 432-1798, or 492-6367.

If you prefer to meet with a counselor off-post, please call 492-6367 at Stewart or 704-9505 at Hunter to schedule an appointment. Off-post sessions are available at these local community locations: Richmond Hill Library, Glennville Welcome Center, Pembroke Senior Center, and Hinesville National Guard.

## Bring the kids to play mornings

Parents are invited with their children (ages 0 to 36 months) to spend time playing together. Led by an energetic and playful adult from our New Parent Support Program, the Play Mornings are designed for meeting, sharing, and playing with other military Families in a fun, upbeat atmosphere. At Stewart, Play Mornings are held each Thursday at the Bryan Village Youth Center. At Hunter, Play Mornings are held each Tuesday at the New Gannam Community Center. The fun begins at 10 a.m. at both locations. No pre-registration is required; simply bring your child's immunizations record and register at the door.

## Get help with your job search

Your Employment Readiness team offers a variety of free workshops to help you succeed in your job search.

Resume Writing helps you identify skills to enhance your resume development. Resumix teaches you the insider's tips for seeking a job with the federal government, such as entering your resume in the system, searching jobs, and maximizing your skills for the most impact. Job Hunting 101 offers instruction on various topics in the job-search process to include resume writing, networking, interviewing, and dressing for success.

For a current schedule of employment classes and to register, call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter. Also request a personal employment counseling session and let us help you prepare to find the job you want.



## HISPANIC

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**ABOVE:** Dancers from the Hinesville Hispanic Dance Club demonstrate traditional Hispanic dances at the Hispanic Heritage celebration at Fort Stewart, Oct. 8.

**UPPER RIGHT:** Dancers from the Hinesville Hispanic Club demonstrate the Mambo.

**RIGHT:** Major General (Ret.) Alfred A. Valenzuela, a 33-year veteran, former 3rd ID deputy commander (Support), and author, was the guest speaker for the Hispanic Heritage celebration at Fort Stewart's Main Post Chapel, Oct. 8.

Following the speech, Maj. Gen. Valenzuela helped promote Sgt. Betzaida Santana, the 87th CSSB reenlistment NCO, to staff sergeant in honor of the Year of the NCO. The Hinesville Hispanic Club then demonstrated dances from Puerto Rico, Mexico and other Hispanic countries.

The program ended with free food samplings sponsored by a local restaurant.

"I thought it was a well diverse, well put together program," said

Sgt. Emily Caraballo, an S1 (personnel) NCO at the NCO Academy. "I learned a lot, especially about Hispanics in the military."

"It was a very entertaining speech," added Spc. Steven Re, a driver with 226th Quartermaster Co., 87th CSSB. "It provided a lot of insight. The dances were very good."

The next cultural observance will be Native American History Month, sponsored by the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

